

I am writing to file a protest about the decision by Sinclair Broadcasting, which forced 62 stations to run a documentary against John Kerry just before the election. This shows the danger of big media: one chain of stations uses its power to corrupt the political process. The bigger the media chains become, the greater the danger.

Supposed Sinclair is supposed to serve the public interest, in return for using the public airways for free. The FCC should not be weakening the rules against media consolidation; instead, the FCC should be strengthening those rules.

Right now the process for renewing a license is perfunctory. It shouldn't be. The license renewal process should involve a critical examination of the ways in which the television stations present real news coverage of critical issues.

We need to limit the power of monopolistic corporations over the media. Our democracy is at risk.
Thank you.